

Going Deeper

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Series: For Everyone

Sunday, February 16, 2020



Discussion Questions

Getting Started

- 1) Read Luke 5:1-11.
- 2) Have you ever had someone tell you how to do something, even though you were so much better at it?
 - a) Share your story.
 - b) How might Peter have felt like this?

Digging Deeper

- 3) In obedience to Jesus' word, Simon (also known as Peter) and his crew attempt to do something they'd prefer not to *again* because of failure.
 - a) What does the passage tell us about their failed attempt?
 - b) Why do you think there's tension in Peter's response to Jesus' request in verse 4?
 - c) What is a promise or a commandment that you were surprised worked in yours or someone else's life when obeyed?
 - d) Sometimes God tells us to retry things that haven't worked. Like what?
- 4) In obedience to Jesus' word, Peter and his crew try something they'd never done before: *they had never brought in such a large haul of fish*.
 - a) According to the passage, what risks were associated with this unprecedented catch?
 - b) How might the crew have reacted if fear drove their response?
 - c) Brainstorm as a group some Biblical and/or everyday examples of people unwilling to try what God was prompting them to because of fear of failure.
 - d) Reflect on what God might want you to try for the first time?
- 5) In obedience to Jesus' word, Peter and his crew stop doing something they probably could never have imagined giving up (vs. 11).
 - a) They gave up things believed by everyone to be valuable. Like what?

- b) They gave up something they thought made them valuable. How so?
 - c) Throughout the gospel, Jesus will often tell people to leave precious things to follow him. Why?
- 6) The disciples gave up something at the center of their identity (fishing) because they learn something about Jesus' identity. But their first impulse is to run away.
- a) Give some examples of how we feel threatened by people who are so much better at something we tend to tie our own self-worth to.
 - b) Jesus isn't just so much better than Peter at fishing; Jesus is infinitely superior to Peter in other ways. What way do you see suggested in the passage?
 - c) Can you think of other examples in the Bible of confident people being humbled to the dust when they meet God?
 - d) Without the gospel, the appropriate response to God's holiness is to try to run from him. Because of the gospel, the only appropriate response is to follow him? Explain why.